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SUBJECT: SALE OF F-5'S TO SUDAN: NEXT STEPS

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- 1. MINISTER OF DEFENSE STILL IN EUROPE FOR TREATMENT OF HIS BAD BACK, BUT HIS COLLEAGUES SAY HE IS RESPONDING FAVORABLY TO THERAPY AND SHOULD BE RETURNTING TO KHARTOUM ON OR ABOUT JANUARY 15. IN HIS ABSENCE, I CALLED THIS MORNING ON THE CHIEF OF STAFF, GENERAL MOHAMMED OSMAN HASHIM, TO REVIEW THE BIDDING ON NEXT STPES TO BE TAKEN FOLLOWING PRESENTATION OF SURVEY TEAM REPORT TO SUDANGOV.
- 2. CHIEF OF STAFF SAID THAT HE AND HIS COLLEAGUES HAD ALREADY STUDIED THE REPORT THOROUGHLY AND HAD PREPARED THEIR COMMENTS ON IT AND FORWARDED THEM TO PRESIDENT NIMEIRI. INCLUDED IN THEIR COMMENTS WAS A RECOMMENDATION THAT GENERAL JAGGERS BE INVITED TO RETURN TO THE SUDAN TO DISCUSS THE FINDINGS OF THE SURVEY TEAM. PRESIDENT HAD NOT YET ACTED ON CHIEF OF STAFF'S RECOMMENDATIONS, BUT A FAVORABLE DECISION FROM HIM WAS EXPECTED MOMENTARILY.
- 3. CHIEF OF STAFF EMPHASIZED THAT IT WAS ESSENTIAL WHEN SECRET

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JAGGERS AND HIS COLLEAGUES COME TO SUDAN THEY BRING WITH THEM AS MUCH DETAIL AS POSSIBLE REGARDING THE AIR DEFENSE (F-5'S AND RADAR) PACKAGE. FROM JAGGERS' VISIT HERE SUDANESE EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO PUT TOGETHER A PRECISE DOCUMENT WHICH THEY CAN THEN TRANSMIT TO THE SAUDIS TO SECURE THEIR CONSENT TO FINANCE THE AIR DEFENSE PACKAGE. CHIEF OF STAFF STRESSED IMPORTANCE OF SUCH A DOCUMENT AND

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